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HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT -- JEC Hearing on New Employment Data Scheduled for Friday --

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Joint Economic Committee (JEC) will hold a hearing on the April employment data to be released on Friday, May 7, 2004, Vice Chairman Jim Saxton (R-N.J.) announced today. Dr. Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), will testify.

“The April employment data to be released this Friday will be closely examined by policymakers, economists, and ordinary citizens,” Saxton said. “Although there is overwhelming evidence of economic strength, I would note that payroll employment increases often fall short of forecasters’ expectations,” Saxton concluded.

Hearing Topic: The Employment Situation: April 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Date: Friday, May 7, 2004
Room: 1334 Longworth House Office Building
Witness: **Dr. Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics**

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